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9	BEFORE THE BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING	
10	DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA	
11	STATE OF	1
12	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 2013-509
13	BETHANY LYNN CEJER, AKA BETHANY L. KERR,	ACCUSATION
14	AKA BETHANY CEJER,	
15	AKA BETHANY L. KERR CEJER 14071 James Avenue	
16	Maple Heights, OH 44137	
17	Registered Nurse License No. 715357	
18	Respondent.	
19	Complainant alleges:	
20	PARTIES	
21	1. Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her	
22	official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing, Department of	
23	Consumer Affairs.	
24	2. On November 8, 2007, the Board of Registered Nursing (Board) issued	
25	Registered Nurse License Number 715357 (License) to Bethany Lynn Cejer, also known as	
26	Bethany L. Kerr, Bethany Cejer, and Bethany L. Kerr Cejer (Respondent). The License was in	
27	full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on June	
28	30, 2013, unless renewed.	•

JURISDICTION

- 3. This Accusation is brought before the Board, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise indicated.
- 4. Section 2750 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may discipline any licensee, including a licensee holding a temporary or an inactive license, for any reason provided in Article 3 (commencing with section 2750) of the Nursing Practice Act.
- 5. Section 2764 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the expiration of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary proceeding against the licensee or to render a decision imposing discipline on the license. Under section 2811, subdivision (b) of the Code, the Board may renew an expired license at any time within eight years after the expiration.

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

6. Section 2761 of the Code states:

The board may take disciplinary action against a certified or licensed nurse or deny an application for a certificate or license for any of the following:

- (a) Unprofessional conduct, which includes, but is not limited to, the following:
- (4) Denial of licensure, revocation, suspension, restriction, or any other disciplinary action against a health care professional license or certificate by another state or territory of the United States, by any other government agency, or by another California health care professional licensing board. A certified copy of the decision or judgment shall be conclusive evidence of that action.

COST RECOVERY

7. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

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CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Out of State Discipline)

- 8. Respondent has subjected her Registered Nurse License to disciplinary action under Code section 2761, subdivision (a)(4), in that her Pennsylvania registered nurse license was disciplined by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of State Before The State Board Of Nursing (Pennsylvania Board) in a disciplinary action, which resulted in her credential being placed on probation for not less than three years. The circumstances are as follows.
- 9. On April 26, 2004, Respondent was issued License No. RN553932 to practice as a registered nurse in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- 10. On June 3, 2010, pursuant to Professional Nursing Law, Act of May 22, 1951, Pamphlet Law (P.L.) 317, as amended, (Act), Pennsylvania Statutes (P.S.) sections 211-25.5, the Pennsylvania Board took disciplinary action against Respondent's registered nurse license in a matter entitled, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs vs. Bethany Lynn Cejer, R.N., Respondent Docket No. 1291-51-10, File No. 09-51-05365, by stipulating terms of settlement for Respondent's concurrence. The Pennsylvania Board found Respondent unable to practice the profession with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of mental or physical illness or condition or physiological or psychological dependence of alcohol, hallucinogenic or narcotic drugs or other drugs which tend to impair judgment or coordination. Pursuant to section 14, subdivision (a)(2) of the Act, 63 P.S. section 224, subdivision (a)(2), the Pennsylvania Board indefinitely suspended Respondent's license for no less than three years, which such suspension was immediately stayed in favor of no less than three years probation.
- 11. The facts that led to the discipline are as follows. On or about June 1, 2005, and again on or about December 11, 2008, Respondent was arrested, and ultimately pled guilty to, driving under the influence (DUI). On June 3, 2009, the Probable Cause Screening Committee of the Pennsylvania Board issued an Order compelling Respondent to attend a Mental and Physical Examination. Respondent suffered from an alcohol dependence disorder reportedly in early remission, depressive disorder in partial remission, and would be safe to practice professional

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